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### Mayor Courtney's Message

It is August and I'm not sure where the summer has gone. Before we know it; Steamboat Days, which is Sept. 8 - 10, will be here. This month I've got a bunch of updates to share, so here goes!

**Speeding** - Residents have come to nearly half of our City Council meetings so far this summer with concerns about cars speeding through their neighborhoods. I consulted with the Carver County Sheriff and the first thing he shared with me is the offenders are more than likely residents of these neighborhoods. With that, I'm asking everyone to PLEASE mind the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit. We are working with the Sheriff's Department on other methods of enforcement, but slowing down is the easiest first step.

**New Businesses** - I am thrilled to share news about not one, not two, but FOUR new businesses in Carver. Mizzy's Pizza (4715 Dahlgren Road) opened for business on July 12 and is owned by Carver residents, Jeff and DeAnne Misgen. This full-service restaurant has a lovely patio and a full bar. There's also the option for carry-out!

**Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital** (4735 Dahlgren Road #300) will be the new brick-and-mortar veterinary practice of Dr. Carissa Haverly, who previously had a mobile vet service. Healing Hands should be opening this fall.

**HomeTown Bank** received final approvals to build their newest branch between Kwik Trip and Jonathan Carver Parkway/CR 11. They anticipate breaking ground this month and hope to be open by next spring. Much like the HomeTown Bank location in Waconia, the Carver branch will also have a Mocha Monkey coffee shop with a drive through.

**Jonathan Carver Parkway (JCP) Landscaping** - The two-year warranty period on the plantings along Jonathan Carver Parkway is coming to an end and with that, we will be soon seeing the replacement of the trees and other plantings that didn't make it. Also worth noting, the seed which was planted along the roadway and in the medians is a native mix, which contains flowering wildflowers and a variety of grasses, which will take several years to fully establish. If you're expecting the ground covering in the medians to look like the grass in your front yard, it will not. Instead, we chose to plant seed that is low maintenance (= less mowing needed), drought resistant and can tolerate full sun.

**Ironwood Park Expansion** - The 3.5 acre addition to Ironwood Park, which features a skate park, basketball court, pavilion, outdoor classroom, seating areas, water fountains (both for you and your four-legged friends!) and permanent yard games including corn hole and ping pong, is now open! Ironwood Park is located just west of Carver Elementary at 1803 Ironwood Drive.

**Creekside Park** - Last month we heard from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) that the City of Carver was awarded a \$350,000 outdoor recreation grant for the future Creekside Park, which is located near the intersection of JCP/CR 11 and Main Street West. This grant money, along with a 1:1 match of \$350,000 from the City's Park Dedication Fund (which is largely paid for by new developments) will fund phase one of the park which will include a dog park, four pickle ball courts, trails, parking lot and other amenities. We shared the concept plan for Creekside Park last spring and received an overwhelmingly positive response from residents. Construction on the park may begin as early as 2024.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to hearing from you!

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### Strategic Plan

The City Manager discussed at a work session meeting updated changes to the Strategic Plan. The final draft for adoption will be forthcoming.

The City Manager provided an overview to the council at their council meeting pertaining to the 2023- 2026 Strategic Plan. Council member inquired about the list of targets. In the presentation the targets were reviewed. Questions and discussion ensued. Statement was voiced that the objectives and key performance indicators were not easy but realistic and attainable. It was the consensus that moving forward with a ten year plan was wise with the rate of growth. The mayor's comment included the fact that this Strategic Plan was different from what the city had done in the past and was in favor of the new format and plan with gold goals in the plan. It was concluded that it was a good presentation of all of the work poured into the final product with great collaborate efforts. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the 2023- 2026 Strategic Plan.

**"The daily practice of gratitude is one of the conduits by which your wealth will come to you."**

**- Wallace D. Wattles**

### Sheriff's Office

The City Manager spoke with Victoria's City Manager and the Carver County Commander discussed the coverage provided in the two cities. There are position vacancies within the sheriff's office. A proposed plan for the Sheriff's coverage had been created and this plan was discussed with the council. The new model plan would move the two cities from dedicated deputies to a regionalized model with shared coverage between Carver and Victoria. The plan was reviewed and questions presented at the work session.

At the council meeting the Sheriff's Office coverage was discussed further. The council looked at provided summary of the proposed changes to coverage. Overall, the council supported the proposed plan. Details would be continued to be worked through with the City of Victoria and the Sheriff's Office. Updates would be also be provided.

*"We either makes ourselves miserable, ore we make ourselves strong. The amount of work is the same."*

*~ Carlos Constaneda*

## *Carver Creek Place*

The property owner of the home on Carver Creek Place spoke with the council regarding the agreement he had with the city back in the 2000's. Request was made if there was any possibility of the city changing their plans to proceed with demolition of the structure. The City Attorney stated that the opportunity for arguments and defend the case had passed. The property owner was told of the deadline to remove personal property prior to demolition as planned. The attorney would continue to be available to speak with the property owner.

## *Cannabis*

The City Attorney discussed the recommended interim ordinance regarding the Cannabis Legalization topic.

This law occurred in May of 2023 that legalizes recreational cannabis and marks a major turning point for the state in how it treats marijuana. The council reviewed the summarized key provisions in the law for cities. The first memo pertained to the legalization of low level THC products. The second memo summarizes the remainder of the new law and its impact on cities which include options for local regulation. There are still questions and uncertainties pertaining to the law and how it will be ultimately implemented. It may take a long time for these answers. The attorney will continue to work with relevant information and achieve the city's ability to adopt an interim ordinance for establishing reasonable regulations for these businesses prior to conducting business.

The City Attorney presented the council with an Interim Ordinance for their review regarding the Cannabis Business. After a Public Hearing the actions to follow were recommended to include adoption of an interim ordinance authorizing a study and imposing a moratorium on the operation of cannabis business within the city, along with authorization adopting resolution authorizing publication of the ordinance. The recent MN legislature enacted is a comprehensive legislation relating to the legalization of recreational cannabis. The act expressly authorizes the eventual establishment of cannabis business in Minnesota to include establishments involved in cultivating, transporting, manufacturing, testing, wholesaling and selling product. State statutes allow a local government unit conducting studies, authorize conducting study, held scheduled hearing for the purpose of considering adoption or amendment with reasonable restrictions involving time, place and manner of operation of cannabis businesses to adopt an interim ordinance applicable to all of its jurisdiction for the purpose of protecting the planning process along with the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. Recommendation has been submitted that the city adopt an interim ordinance prohibiting the operation of cannabis businesses within the city until January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2025. Doing so, provides the city the opportunity to review model regulations for cities.

With regards to the Recreational Cannabis Ordinance the mayor inquired council's opinions regarding the creation of an ordinance regulating smoking marijuana on the streets. The City Attorney stated that an ordinance provision would make it a petty misdemeanor which is a code violation which could result in a fine.

The City Attorney discussed the amendment regarding cannabis/hemp use in public. The recommended actions included adopting an ordinance amending the code prohibiting the use of cannabis and hemp products in public places. As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, it will be legal to possess and use of these products, without the said ordinance, it could be used in public places if not separately prohibited by another existing law.

## *Event Ordinance*

The City Clerk and the City Attorney presented information pertaining to the large event permitting and the proposed ordinance involving the topic. The proposed ordinance establishes an application process for permitting large events. The final version was available for review and adoption. The City Manager explained that the policy puts the staff in a position to equitably administer the application and permitting process. Consistency was an important feature was stated. Motion was made and carried with four ayes and one nay approving the ordinance creating city code regarding Large Event Permitting. Motion was made and carried approving the resolution authorizing publication of the ordinance with four ayes and one nay.

**"Impossible is just an opinion."**

**~ Paulo Coelho**

## *City Manager Report*

The City Manager provided information relating to possible Public Safety Funding. The legislature has discussed the possibility of one-time funding. Preliminary information displayed a model where the City of Carver would receive funds. As available, more information will be forwarded. Preliminary data for Local Government Aid funding amounts in 2024 were reviewed. The City Manager also informed the council that the Flood Preparedness Plan had also been activated due to the rising water levels. Riverside Park had been closed once again. Security measures were also put into place at park shelters and trail underpasses. Options were also be reviewed for adding security cameras in the 2024 budget for park shelters and underpasses. Purchases were made in 2023 with Special Capital Funds.

## *County Road # 40 Corridor*

The committee members named to the council will be discussing the corridor options for the County Road # 40 Corridor. The Community Development Director and the City Engineer presented an update to the County Road # 40 Corridor.

Committee members named to serve on the committee include; Al McColman, and Amy Kedrowski, residents on County Road # 40, Greg Cummins, Business owner on the corridor along with Nate Roise, Josh Isabel and Cara Hobbs, Carver Bluffs residents, Stacie Lindquist and Sherri Walsh, Business Manager, Maggie Barthel, Meridian Fields resident, Mohan Grandhi and Riverbluff Estates resident, Shelia Loving.

What is known thus far is the need to develop a 'scope of work' for county funds use contribution towards future improvements, development process with significant impacts to residents, businesses and community members. It is a primary east to west route through the city with a gateway to downtown. Lastly, several streetscape improvements have already been made to major corridors along the route which include Jonathan Carver Parkway, Sixth Street West, Levi Griffin Road, Ironwood Drive and Monroe Drive.

Moving forward the committee will need to assess task force objectives, proposed study schedule and converse with the council to further review, discuss and collect feedback. The ultimate goal of moving forward with vision. A community open house tentatively scheduled in the fall of 2023.

## *Heritage Preservation Commission*

Councilmember stated attending presentation by Michael Coop, State Heritage Preservation Office ( SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office ). The Heritage Preservation Commission discussed a concept plan by applicants on Third Street. Feedback was requested from the commission prior to applying for building permit. Individuals can attend commission meetings to discuss potential projects in advance. Mr Coop also gave information regarding the fact that the City of Faribault's website provides a dedicated page to their historic down town. ( FaribaultHPC.org )

## *Oak Tree Development*

The Assistant City Engineer discussed with the council the submitted Letter of Credit reduction request. Request involved existing letters of credit for four development phases per phase. The city had entered into four development agreements for four separate phases of the Oak Tree development. Each phase required a separate letter of credit to provide financial security for the developer's obligation to construct each phase's respective improvements. In all four phases the majority of the required improvements have been constructed but some remaining items are outstanding. Original agreements provided for each phase shall not be reduced to below twenty-five percent until the entire amount is released following completion and acceptance. To date, this has not happened, therefore the city will hold onto stated amount of funds in financial securities. The city's current practice for securing developer obligations implemented after the Oak Tree development was approved allows for letter of credit reductions prior to project completion and acceptance down to the amount of outstanding construction obligations. Due to the high cost to developers to maintain letters of credit with financial institutions, Oak Tree contractor requested reduction of the four existing letters to be more commensurate with the outstanding obligations. The city staff found the request to be reasonable. The council would review the request.

## *Fireworks Display Contract*

The council discussed the Fireworks Display Contract for Steamboat Days. Staff was directed to confirm required insurance coverage was in place. One of the highlights annual for Steamboat Days is the fireworks display traditionally occurring in Riverside Park on Saturday evening of the festival weekend. This year the display will occur on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks display will be produced and performed under the direct supervision of Spark1 Inc.

## *Decorative Railing*

The City Manager the topic previously reviewed relating to decorative railing on US Highway #212 and Jonathan Carver Parkway bridge. The initial request had been denied. Additional meetings, along with design revisions resulted in the MnDOT issuing a permit for the improvement. The logo and lettering will be black meeting MnDOT's specifications and will be visible from eastbound US 212 and Jonathan Carver Parkway. It is anticipated to take up to fourteen weeks for fabrication and installation completion.

## *Liquor License Renewals*

The council reviewed approvals for liquor license renewals. The Dog House Bar with patio, Getaway Motor Café with patio, Harvey's Bar and Grill with outdoor sidewalk café, Lisa's place with patio, Mizzy's Pizza with patio and Kwik Trip licenses all required motions for renewal approvals. Annual background checks were all submitted. The liquor license for the Carver Black Sox was also reviewed.

## *Miscellaneous*

The City Manager reviewed with the council and discussed the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan while presenting report updates. The City Manager also discussed the topic of the ten year staffing plan with the council at their meeting.

The Planning Commission reviewed a presentation with the City Engineer at their meeting relating to the Ironwood Drive and Hartwell Drive.

The City Clerk reviewed Employee Policy Amendments to the Employee Handbook with an additional paragraph involving 'City Driving Policy' allowing the city to examine driving records on an annual basis. An amendment would also be applied to the Carver Fire Department Standard Operating Procedures Manual to the same effect.

The City Manager at the council's work session gave an overview of the Classification and Compensation Study proposal by the city's financial advisors.

The City Manager presented a proposed drafted ten year staffing plan for the council to review. The financial impacts to the staffing plan and all the plan elements will be discussed further at a later date.

Mayor Johnson told the council about her excitement regarding the appointment to the League of MN Cities Board which she had applied for. The League also has a new Executive Director and the City Manager also served on the LMC Board.

The Public Services Director informed the council of the request for approval to purchase a Bobcat for an addition to the city's fleet to be utilized year round. The pricing was discussed. Funding was also discussed. A reallocation of funds from the 2022 CIP plan for Public Services equipment is in the works for the 2024 budget.

Ironwood Drive and Hartwell Drive were reviewed by the Planning Commission with the Assistant City Engineer who presented the information regarding changes made to the intersection concerns involving sightline and general traffic operation. The presentation included information on traffic counts and reviews conducted last fall to model current conditions and project twenty-year future intersection demands.

## *Brookeview Trail*

The City Manager updated the council on information relating to the Brookeview Trail connection at their council meeting. The trail was a potential nature based trail from the private street, Brookeview Court down to the Snake Trail. Walking the trail, determination was made that the best option was a stair system incorporated into the hill to make the trail connection. At this time funding was not available but could be a future project. Park dedication funds had not been collected for this trail.

## *Sidewalk Café Ordinance*

The City Clerk discussed the Sidewalk Café Ordinance updates where the council discussed proposed changes to the ordinance allowing eligible businesses the opportunity to expand utilizing the city's public right of ways. Current ordinance exists in the zoning code and should be in the business section, along with some requirements for the Outdoor Sidewalk Café subject to interpretation. Therefore, an updated version is recommended. Currently the proposed changes would include updating the ordinance, clarify existing definitions and requirements. Those updates were reviewed by the council. The next step is to schedule a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission required since it involves changes to zoning regulations. Then the council will consider final adoption.

## *Zoning Ordinance*

The Planning Commission had a discussion regarding reduction of lot size minimums across districts, side setback reductions, use of Planned Residential Developments, city requirements in the City Code, duplex opportunities throughout residential districts, along with different project types, alley loaded development, project designs and Accessory Dwelling Units. The members also reviewed city housing goals which included choices allowing residing in the city, ability for residents to live throughout their lifetime, safe housing at every price point and allowance for affordable housing giving the opportunity, as well for spending within the local economy. The members also looked at how zoning supported those goals.

The Community Development Director provided an update to the council on the zoning ordinance updates. The Planning Commission did work on revisions to the zoning code regarding lot standards and zone regulations, straight zoning versus use of Planned Residential Developments and accessory dwelling units. Council feedback was requested. The Planning Commission will move forward with reviews and revisions with the council feedback from the meeting for future adoption consideration.

## *Levee Project Update*

The council reviewed updates involving the Certified Levee Project with the project engineer and the assistant city engineer with a presentation. Background information was reviewed, most relevant and recent information involves the winter of 2022- 2023 working with HUD on federal grant award and environmental review. The city was informed in recently that DNR funding via State Bonding Bill was awarded. Presently, revisions on the work plan and project delivery schedule based on new funding is being worked on.

The council reviewed the funding updates covering the present total funding secured. The council also evaluated the anticipated funding with the Local Bridge Replacement Program 2023 State Bonding Funds in bonding bill relating to the Third Street Bridge project. The council also examined the pursuit of additional funding requested via the 2024 Federal Community Project fund grant program, MN Capital Budget Request, DNR Grant, Local funding match review, local contribution and the Lower MN River Watershed District.

## *Audited Financial Statement*

The council at their meeting reviewed and discussed with the Finance Director the 2022 audited Financial Statements with a presentation. At the work session meeting, the Finance Director also discussed the 2024 Budget Kick Off presentation.

The Audited Financial Statements were reviewed by the council. The Finance Director provided an overview on the audit at the council meeting. Question was asked about the Capital Project Fund balances. Another question was posed relating to the expenditures. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the 2022 Audited Financial Statements.

*"Today's the perfect day for whole new start Let go of fear and free your mind. It's time to open your heart"*

*~ Chris Butler*





## Utility Late Fees

The council discussed the topic involving utility bill late fees, moving from a flat fee to a percentage based on late fees. It would be more equitable while making more sense with the conversion now rather than with an updated Fee Schedule for 2024. Residents would be receiving a new utility billing account number with the conversion. The Finance Director reviewed the 2023 Fee Schedule Amendment regarding amending the fee schedule for late fees involving utilities. Each fall, the staff reviews fees recommending necessary changes for the upcoming year. Amendments are being presented for consideration of adoption. Currently charges are listed as a flat fee on all delinquent utility bills. Prior to implementing the new utility billing software, recommendations are submitted. The new fee would be effective on August billing cycle.

## Hawthorne Ridge Trail

The council reviewed the topic involving the project originally had been removed because with construction, it would not have met the Municipal State Aid road guidelines. The trail would connect with Sixth Street West. The council reviewed the summary of the project. Updates were requested in the future for further review and consideration. The Community Development Director discussed with the council the 6<sup>th</sup> Street trail extension, Hawthorne Ridge. An overview was given discussing the identified priority upon work involving reconstructing Sixth Street. A trail connection from Sixth Street being a rustic trail system throughout the Hawthorne Ridge development had been identified. Sixth Street reconstruction was possible due to state aid dollars with specifications on how roads and trails were to be done with said funds. The city was able to construct a portion of the trail, however leaving a gap because of the proposed type of trail entering the development site. The portion of the trail into the development did not meet specifications and was not completed as part of the larger project not being consistent with the existing trail system. The city had anticipated funding this portion of the trail. Two proposals had been received for this project which the council reviewed. Motion was made and carried with all ayes approving the contract with JD Construction for the extension of the trail from Sixth Street to Hawthorne Ridge Trail system.

## Peer City Cohort Review

The city discussed what is called the 'Peer City Cohort Review' draft. Traditionally the city council has utilized a cohort of nine "peer cities" as a tool and resource when considering policies, data collection comparing tax rates, utility rates, employee pay, franchise fees, market values, and so on. The council discussed identifying the necessity to review and potentially revise this peer city cohort ensuring that accurate and reliable information is collected and continues to be a useful tool to reach strategic plan initiatives. Further discussion led to proposed removal changes for the cities of Medina, Minnetrista and Rockford due to their unique tax base characteristics for Medina and Minnetrista; while Rockford's reasoning involved their recent size and growth trends. Instead to include the cities of Albertville and Corcoran as peer city cohorts more aligned with the City of Carver due to size, growth, development trends, as well as access to transportation corridors.

## Flood Hazard Mitigation Program

The City Engineer discussed the issue of the DNR Flood Hazard Mitigation Program grant funding item. The city had submitted an application to the DNR for their Flood Hazard Mitigation Program back in 2020. The application connected to a concept plan to certify the flood levee. Notification was received that funding via the state bonding bill to advance the levee project and a grant agreement was executed with the DNR in 2021. Grant funds were utilized to conduct survey work, soil borings and additional preliminary engineering work necessary to move forward with the project. These initial grant funds have been fully reimbursed to date. Resulting in the city applying for State Capital Budget Requests in 2022 and 2023. The city was then notified of additional funding. Receipt of these funds allows for the project to move forward with design and a phased construction project. Construction funding depends on possible receipt of additional funding which the city has applied for both state and federal funds for the fiscal year of 2024. In order to receive this additional funding the city must pass a resolution allowing for the amendment of the DNR grant agreement to incorporate this additional funding. The resolution requires the city to identify a source of funds that is able to be used to satisfy the city's total local match requirement based on the 2020 consensus population data. Based on discussions the match requirement will be met.

## HomeTown Bank

The Community Development Director discussed the approval and adoption of resolution pertaining to the HomeTown Bank Preliminary and Final Plat, along with authorization of execution of the Developer's Agreement for Carver Commons Third Addition. HomeTown Bank has submitted applications for the Preliminary and Final Plat for the bank and coffee shop located within the Carver Commons property. The Concept Plan had previously been reviewed. The bank has several locations throughout Minnesota. The project includes bank space as well as the coffee shop, Mocha Monkey. The layout is consistent with the Waconia bank, only a small scale, along with dedicated separate drive-thru's for both the bank and the coffee shop. The site also includes an outdoor space for the coffee shop. Adjacent street on the site are privately owned and maintained. Proposed project does not require rezoning, the applications can be reviewed concurrently together.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Preliminary and Final Plat applications submitted for the HomeTown Bank proposal. The property is in the Carver Commons also the current site of Kwik Trip and Next Steps. Zoning is properly identified. Questions and answers were provided. Three different lanes will be drive-ups. The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the proposed bank proposal. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Preliminary Plat for HomeTown Bank. Motion was made and carried with all ayes recommending approval of the Final Plat for HomeTown Bank.

## Zoning Ordinance

The Community Development Director discussed the zoning ordinance pertaining to chickens with the Planning Commission members. The Planning Commission was expected to set standards for acceptable locations. After adoption of an ordinance, known coops will need to register and meet requirements collectively adopted by the Planning Commission and the city council. The Community Development Direction discussed code requirements and ordinances in other cities. Questions were asked, such as what is the governance process of approval; Public Hearing. Since it is an ordinance update, a Public Hearing was required. Fencing stipulations were inquired about. There were not any codes but could be added. It would be considered an accessory structure. Present code allows for two accessory structures. Smaller lots might not meet setbacks and Homeowners Associations could adopt their own rules. The new zoning code could specify a minimum lot size to have chickens but would limit people on smaller lots in residential properties. Registration would likely be a one-time registration fee. Minimum requirements would be a good idea. It was thought that guidelines should be established.


## Carver Current

Looking for local information? Go to Carver Current website to get information you didn't know you needed. It is also where you will find the local newsletter relating to the City of Carver, "Villager Tower." You can also post information on this website. You can find links too at Carver Current. Just another way to stay in touch and know what is happening locally in the Carver area.

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## Carver Shops

There was a time when the Carver era had multiple Occasional Shops dotted throughout Carver. That landscape seems to have shifted to Chaska, Waconia areas presently. There are lots of them all over and lots that no longer exist or you need to be on that circuit to follow. However, Carver still has two. Let's keep them here huh? Other types of small businesses have popped up all over town though, some downtown, some on the outskirts, some more modern, some more traditional, some quaint but all are unique in their own right. Not to mention all the businesses run out of private residences throughout the entire area. Be sure to support the local shops. Carver Shops Occasional dates quickly approaching, Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Some Shops in Carver:

Carver Creamery – updates on Facebook - OPEN for 2023 SEASON!

Carver General – Facebook - Occasional Shop Dates

Old Carver Fishing Bait and Tackle - Facebook

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery – [www.rippleartstudio.com](http://www.rippleartstudio.com)

Ripple Art Studio & Gallery - FB

The Good Junk Garage – Facebook

Temperance Arts & Gifts – Facebook

The Funky Dove – Facebook

Strive Nutrition – Carver - Facebook

Getaway Motor Café – Facebook / Instagram

Strains of the Earth – 300 Broadway Street, Carver / Facebook



Mike Quinn

## Funky Dove

Did you check out those handblown glass lamps at Funky Dove in downtown Carver? You should have. If you have a thing for hummingbirds, this is the perfect adornment to highlight that table. Or maybe you prefer dragonflies? There are those too. That tulip shaped globe is just what you need to bring in those soft rays of light into your environment. Did you miss out on that opportunity?

Have you taken the time to stop in and see the variety of inventory offered? Shame on you, if you haven't. You will find unique, crafty, beautiful treasures in her boutique of lovely items of all kinds. Things that you didn't even know you had to have like quotes, books, jewelry, miscellaneous doo-dads, knick knacks, pictures, arts and crafts of all kinds of shapes, sizes, forms to comfortable beautiful clothing items can be found here. Don't forget those beautiful designer purses just calling your name. Stop by for that smile, positivity from the delightful host running the whole entire show.

You will find Rebecca at the shop on Fridays at noon until 7 PM, Saturdays, 10 AM to 7 PM and if you can't get there on those days, you can stop by on Sunday at noon until 5 PM.

## Carver General

Just what do you suppose you will be able to find at the Carver General boutique this upcoming month. Or for that matter, the theme the gals will fabricate with SteamBoat Days right around the corner? Do you think they might open during the annual town event? Nah! Too much hassle with the stage right outside their door, huh? Such a shame.... They have so much neat stuff to see, buy and take home to enrich your own house. Their sale dates for August are the 17<sup>th</sup>, Thursday through Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

The fine ladies of Carver General's July theme was still summer outdoor items. I was told my outdoor ornaments were 'yard garbage' but looking at what the ladies had for sale certainly did not appear to be 'yard garbage'. Did you get and get your prize for your outdoor presentation? You will always be amazed at what you will find at the Carver General. So get over there and see what the gals have done for August sales.

Remember too, stop in next door at the Good Junk Garage and check out that inventory too. Checking on Facebook, there was some pretty cool stuff over there too. Until next month, happy shopping and stop in to say hello to Brenda and Ann!

## Getaway Motor Café

Happy Hour, Coffee Time, Live Music Hour, Food Trucks extravaganza are all the things you will find at the Getaway Motor Café in downtown Carver at the intersection of Broadway and Main. This entire intersection has been blowing up the internet with all their fun and community participation. Looks like their goal was achieved huh? What goal was that you ask? To be a hangout for gathering people together for craft coffee, good cocktails, good company, good food, good music and good fun. Seems to be all those criteria have been met. Now what? What's next we can expect them to surprise us with? Want to join in on the fun? Hours are: Monday through Wednesday 7 AM to 2 PM, Thursday and Friday, 7 AM to 10 PM, Saturday 8 AM to 10 PM and finally, Sunday the doors open at 8 AM and close at 4 PM. See you there? Heard, it's the place to be, besides over at the other intersection, Third and Broadway, the Carver Creamery Shop?



## Carver Creamery

You missed it, unless you did actually stop in at the Carver Creamery in Carver for or on National Ice Cream Day. Wonder what they will highlight August 2<sup>nd</sup> when it is Ice Cream Sandwich Day? Or August 14<sup>th</sup>/Creamsicle Day? Or even August 21<sup>st</sup> which is Spumoni Day? And yes, there is a Spumoni ice cream.

Regardless, be sure to stop in and say 'hi' while you enjoy a delicious cone, sundae or just a dish of cold, delicious ice cream. They have lots of flavors to choose from. Follow on Facebook for featured flavors. Be sure to check out their Shep's Creamery in Cologne too. Can't get enough ice cream, you know. This is their third season since opening, right? What did we do without them before? Heard it's the hottest spot in town, next to that craft coffee shop/cocktail place down the block. Think they are competing with one another. Wonder how the bars are competing? I know, completely different crowd and ice cream doesn't mix with beer or vodka or even bourbon, but then again it makes a delicious White Russian, or Grasshopper. Never mind, different genre. Or is it? See you at the Carver Creamery!



*"Food is the most abused anxiety drug. Exercise is the most underutilized antidepressant."*

*~ Instagram*



## Mizzy's Pizza

Now we can't overlook or forget the newest addition to the fine City of Carver. The opening of Mizzy's Pizza, still another hot spot to be at or check out. Pretty good food over there on Dahlgren Road down off of Sixth Street West. They are serving cocktails too. They are on Facebook. If you haven't already been over there, you have no idea what you are missing out on. Their hours of operation are Sunday 11 AM to 10 PM; Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 11 PM; finally, Friday and Saturday hours of operation are 11 AM to 1 AM. Now you have no excuse to call and order. Oh, you need the phone number for that, don't you, 952-248-9000. There you are all set for the experience of your life and the best pizza or sandwich in Carver. Welcome to town guys!



## Sheps Creamery

Then there is the HUGE ANNOUNCEMENT! Grand opening announced involving Carver Creamery owners! In case you hadn't heard through the grapevine (social media). It's true. They have opened their airstream ice cream shop next to Logan Pass in Cologne. Open now per the Instagram posting is the Sheps Creamery over there in Cologne. They are open daily from 2 PM to 9 PM through Labor Day. Also said, "Same menu Different Ice Cream." Where? 202 Paul Avenue North.

Don't forget while you are there, stop over and say 'hi' to the staff at Logan Pass Coffee Shop.

The Waconia Star Patriot newspaper recently had this to say about the coffee shop:

"The coffee shop scene shifted I the 1990's from coffee drinkers percolating a pot of Folgers's or Hills Brothers at home to a massive expansion of boutique coffee shops, multiple roasts and placers to connect in person or via internet."

Logan Pass features vintage posters of the park. Their back wall is a mural of Logan Pass. They offer drinks called, "Billy Goat," "Glacier" and even "Happy Hollander." The Happy Hollander is a tribute to the local baseball team. I bet the owner has lots more stories to tell you too, like where the name was conceived from.



## Carver Black Sox

Have you checked out your local team? Check their website for additional information,

[www.carverblacksox.com](http://www.carverblacksox.com).

Is the Season over? Find a Black Sox player and ask one of them.....



## Carver Business Alliance

The Carver Business Alliance is a collaboration of business owners, community leaders, and local officials working together to promote, enhance, and create opportunities for commerce in the City of Carver. Business roundtable discussions are held, and City of Carver updates are provided at each meeting." They usually meet every third Friday at city hall. May's meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Submitted by: Trinity Lutheran Church  
Don't Forget: Trinity Lutheran Church will again host llamas on the outside lawn (417 Oak Street) for the community to enjoy during Carver's Steamboat Days weekend. Llamas, from Carlson's Lovable Llamas, will be available for a firsthand experience on Saturday, September 9th from 10 AM- PM. We will also have a bazaar inside from 10 AM - 4 PM on Saturday the 9th and 11 AM-12:30 PM on Sunday the 10th.

Join us for our Worship Service at 9 AM every Sunday (10 AM starting on September 10th) or touch base with us through our website at [www.Trinitycarver.com](http://www.Trinitycarver.com).

Office: Trinity Lutheran Church, 417 Oak Street, Carver

Phone: 952-448-3628

Email: [office@trinitycarver.com](mailto:office@trinitycarver.com)

Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church Carver, MN



## Mizzy's Pizza

Just some more information about Mizzy's Pizza which officially opened in Carver at the Carver Square off of Dahlgren Road in case you missed it earlier. If you haven't tried their pizza yet, you are missing a real treat, along with some delicious pizza and sandwiches. Look out everyone else, you have some real competition sliding right in. Welcome officially to Carver from still another news source in the area, The Villager Tower. Visit their website for more information. They also have a shop/store in BellePlaine. Jeff and DeAnne Misgen are the independent owners of this establishment. Be sure to welcome them and try their fabulous food.



*"Without deep reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people."*  
~ Albert Einstein

## Carver Baseball / Softball

### Association

Up to date information can be found at [www.ccybsa.com](http://www.ccybsa.com)

Carver Baseball/Softball Association

Ending the youth's season at the Community Park was tense, intense and hopefully fun for the youngsters. Chaska won the first game, however, the Carver team came back strong winning the second game to secure the Championship. Congratulations to the teams that played.

Per Jim Mollman: "CONGRATULATIONS TO CARVER WHITE as they are the CHASKA-CARVER 9/10 year old CHAMPIONS. It was as thrilling evening of baseball in this double elimination tournament. CONGRATULATIONS to Chaska 4 for making it to the championship. CONGRATULATIONS to all the kids that played in this tournament."

Another reminder: The organization is still operating the Concession Stand for the Carver Black Sox home games! Be sure to come and support both organizations.

Also, thinking ahead to next year....please consider volunteering for many of the open spots requiring adult influence and make a difference in some youngsters life. Don't wait until the last minute. It's lots of fun! Guaranteed!

Afterall you are dealing with impressionable kids and making a difference in their lives. Can't get any more rewarding, can you. "Kids say the darndest things" cliché too. Right? Contact them at [www.ccybsa.reg@gmail.com](http://www.ccybsa.reg@gmail.com).

See y'all next year for the 2024 season. Be sure to thank Jim and all the other volunteers for all they have done for your kids playing. Great job to the kids too!



## Fare for All

Fare For All is a pop-up grocery store. They sell packs of fresh produce and frozen meat at up to 40% off of retail prices. Everyone and anyone can shop at Fare for All across thirty plus sites in the twin cities. Shop for quality,, nutritious foods at discount and budget-friendly prices.Chaska's location is: Crown of Glory Lutheran Church at 1141 Cardinal Streets. Thursday, August 24th is the next available open date.



## Bountiful Basket / Cologne

Have you heard? Compliments of the Chaska Herald for the information being shared with you. The Bountiful Basket Food Shelf opened their Cologne site. It is to help those in need who live in Cologne, Hancock, Benton, San Francisco and Dahlgren townships residents. The new site is at the St Bernard Catholic School site on 300 East Church Street. They will open every Thursday from 3:30 PM until 6:30 PM and on Fridays, 10 AM to 2 PM. Depending on demand hours are subject to change, just so you know. Mi CASA will also be providing a bilingual English/Spanish interpreter on Fridays. You can also schedule an appointment by calling 952) 988-2802. Another contact if you have access to a computer at: [www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/Cologne](http://www.bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org/Cologne).



## Bountiful Basket

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf serves Carver, Chanhassen, Chaska, Victoria, and surrounding area, helping people with hunger relief. During everyone's life there is a period when we need help. For many this help comes in the form of food assistance to get them through their time of need.

### Hours

Monday – Wednesday – 9 AM – 3:30 PM

Thursday/Friday – 9 AM – 12:30 PM

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month - 9 AM – Noon

A new food program has been scheduled on the first and third Thursdays through July from 4 to 7 p.m. that will cater primarily to the Latino community with culturally specific food and Spanish speaking volunteers on site to assist. This program is made possible by Mi Casa, His House, the Sennah Foundation and the Bountiful Basket Food Shelf.



## Ruby's Pantry

Have you ever heard of Ruby's Pantry? Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across Minnesota and Wisconsin. There is no income or residency requirements. For \$25 donation you can receive an abundance of groceries. They gather various food overages, surpluses, and bumper crops into generous food bundles. For more information, [www.rubyspantry.org](http://www.rubyspantry.org). The next pop-up Pantry is scheduled to be at Grace Church ( 9301 Eden Prairie Road ) in Eden Prairie on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM until 6:30 PM. Held the first Thursday of the month, registration begins at 5 PM. Food bundles available at 5 PM.



## News Flash

Free Pop-up Produce Market will be at the Chaska Middle School, Door # 14, 140 Engler Boulevard, Chaska, at 4 PM – 5:30 PM on Wednesdays through August. Ending soon. Choose from a variety of product, dry goods, dairy and more food options each week. Open to all students and families. No registration necessary, no personal information required. You can find more information at [www.findfoodcarvercounty.org](http://www.findfoodcarvercounty.org). Volunteers welcomed. Sponsored by: A Better Society, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, Carver County Public Health, Eastern Carver Country School District and MICASA.

Additional links:

To volunteer,

visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aafab28a6f94-chaska1#/>

To contribute financially,

visit: <https://bountifulbasketfoodshelf.kindful.com/>

To visit the Find Food Carver County Facebook page,

visit: <https://www.facebook.com/findfoodcarvercounty>



## Community Highlights

August 2023

August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Happy Anniversary Lindsey and Gordon!  
through 5<sup>th</sup> WeFest  
Happy Birthday Barb!  
Happy Birthday Willie!  
Happy Birthday Nick!  
through 6<sup>th</sup> 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Time Harvest



August 4<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Scott!  
Flags and Honor of Minnesota  
Happy Birthday Sid!

August 5<sup>th</sup>

August 7<sup>th</sup>

Council Meeting  
Happy Anniversary Tim and Peggy!  
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting  
Meet and Greet  
Happy Birthday LuAnn!  
Happy Birthday John!  
Happy Birthday Jennifer!



August 8<sup>th</sup>

through 13<sup>th</sup> Carver County Fair  
Country Daze Festival

August 9<sup>th</sup>  
August 11<sup>th</sup>

Happy Anniversary Andrea and Darren!  
Happy Anniversary Rob and Missy!

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Bonnie!  
Happy Anniversary Georgie and Mike!

August 14<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Russell!  
Happy Birthday Sue!

August 16<sup>th</sup>

Lions Meeting  
Happy Birthday Michelle!

August 17<sup>th</sup>  
August 18<sup>th</sup>

Planning Commission  
Carver Business Alliance Meeting  
And August 19<sup>th</sup> – Cologne FireHouse Drive-In  
Through 20<sup>th</sup> - SMSC Wacipi ( Pow Wow )  
And August 19<sup>th</sup> Cologne Firehouse Drive-In  
Renaissance Weekend – Once Upon a Time



August 19<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Haley!  
Happy Birthday Sarah!

August 20<sup>th</sup>

Dahlgren Township 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic  
Happy Birthday Jack!

August 21<sup>st</sup>

Council Meeting

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Meet and Greet

August 24<sup>th</sup>

Happy Anniversary Vickie and Mark!  
through September 4<sup>th</sup> MN State Fair  
Stiftenfest

August 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 27<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Kari!  
Renaissance Weekend – Highland Fling

August 26<sup>th</sup>  
August 27<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Jerry!  
Happy Birthday Ben!

August 29<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday Jacqi!  
Happy Anniversary Haley and Steve!



## Southwest Transit

The SouthWest Transit will once again be offering fair service to the MN State Fair. They've also added, Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> to the schedule. Check out their website for more information. This year the fair service will be up and transporting interested parties on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, along with Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. No Labor Day bus service. You can board the bus for transportation at the Eden Prairie station, Chanhassen station or East Creek station. Buses will leave at 7 AM and return at 11 PM. More information on their website.



Don't forget the bus service for their Sumer Adventures program. Last two events are on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Mall of America and then on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> to the Como Zoo. You can find more information under 'event's' category at [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org). Also, there are those Twins games/Twins Express which is still running to take you to a home game. The Twins games schedule can be found at [www.tickets-center.com](http://www.tickets-center.com). The bus is a quick, easy and convenient service per your local bus service, SW Transit. Need to learn more, you know what to do.

Last but not least, there is their Concert Series bus services. Again, visit their website for more information. But the last three concerts to utilize this service is Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to see Pink at the Target Field; Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at US Bank to be entertained by Ed Sheeran and then November 10<sup>th</sup> the performance will be by Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks at the US Bank.

Then too, of course are all their other services provided. You know what to do. [ [www.swtransit.org](http://www.swtransit.org) ]



## Cars and Caves - 2023

The Chanhassen AutoPlex home of Cars and Caves car shows continues their 2023 season.. AutoPlex as a reminder is the first one of its kind private garage condo community in Chanhassen. Their summer schedule is posted on line. [www.chanhassenautoplex.com](http://www.chanhassenautoplex.com).



Their shows are held the last Saturday of the month until September. They also announced that they have new hours and invite you to come and see. Their hours, by the way are 9 AM to 1 PM. April was an open show. June's feature was the Italian; Ferrari, Maserati, Fiat, Lambo and the likes. Moving right along July featured American, Ford, Mopar, GM, Pontiac, etc. The British will be inclusive of MG, Mini, Aston, Jag, McLaren on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Wrapping up the season this year will be German, Audi, BMW, Mercedes, Porsche, and the VW on September 30<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to come and "Check out some of the garages at the next show or look at them at our virtual car show. Cars and Caves invite all exotic, classic, and collector car owners to drive in and show their cars. Don't miss the best monthly car show in Minneapolis/St. Paul area."

## Victoria Classic Car Night

Discover Classic Car Night 2023 in Victoria is the place to be before it is all over. This event is organized by the Victoria Business Association. They invite you to come and see the classic cars from all over the metro area in downtown Victoria. The event is held the second and fourth Wednesday of summer months. Come and learn about the show pieces from their proud owners and meet other enthusiasts. There is also live music at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand from 6 PM to 8 PM. Don't forget the downtown restaurants offering food and beverages. After August, it will be an entire year before you can participate again. The last dates are Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The times for the shows are 5 PM to 8 PM.



## Carver Announcements

The City of Carver is reminding all residents of their new utility billing Software program forthcoming called Invoice Cloud.



According the city's newsletter which is maybe redundant but want to make sure everyone is aware and up to speed so bear with the editor here. Below is the verbiage from the city's newsletter.

"The City will be launching a new, user-friendly electronic payment system in August. This new system, InvoiceCloud, offers an easy-to-use online portal where residents can pay their bills anytime via several different payment options (including PayPal, Google Pay, Venmo, and more). In addition to the new payment options, residents can choose to go paperless with their bills and/or receive email reminders when bills are due. There are no added fees for residents to use any of the great new features. More details can be found at [cityofcarver.com/400/COMING-SOON-Utility-Bill-Changes](http://cityofcarver.com/400/COMING-SOON-Utility-Bill-Changes). Residents who are currently using electronic payments will need to create a new account with InvoiceCloud. When the InvoiceCloud site is live, residents will be able to access the payment site via the City's website at [cityofcarver.com](http://cityofcarver.com)."

## Puppets in the Park

Puppets in the Park event is happening in Victoria, August 2nd at 6:30 PM until 7:15 PM at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand. You are invited to come and join them in a night of fun. Along with a Storywalk that is sponsored by the Victoria Library that will be set up along the trail behind the library and hosting a free-play chalk program from 4 PM to 6 PM before Puppets in the Park.

A La Carte: In a Fool's Kitchen is a comic battle between a clown, French Chef, and a wily lobster set to live accordion music. This playfully interactive comedy features clowning, puppetry, music, and a few unruly vegetables. The show is meant for families and children over the age of 4 years.

*"Magic is believing in your yourself."*

~ Unknown

## Summer Concert Series



Tuesdays Kids Entertainment concerts at Fireman's Park in Chaska have concluded. August still has some concerts occurring in Carver at Ironwood Park and at the Fireman's Park. Two more events and the summer series will close out for the summer of 2023 in Carver. Stop on by on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to see Sawyers Dream at 7 PM until 8:30 PM at Ironwood Park. At Gazebo Park in downtown Carver on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> you can see the performance by the Brueskes at 7 PM and the last concert to catch will be by Solid Gold at 7PM until 8:30 PM at Ironwood Park on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

According to the City of Carver's newsletter, there are still some August concerts listed over in Chaska yet that are included in continuing the Summer Concert Series. At Fireman's Park on Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM will be Kids Yoga in the Park, Wednesday, August 2nd also at Fireman's Park will be the Hunkered Down Blues Bank playing at 6 PM until 8 PM. Then concluding the August concerts in Chaska will be on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at six until eight that evening at Fireman's Park you can enjoy the sounds of The Castaways.

Over in Victoria, you will also find entertainment at the Charlson Thun Community Bandstand. [ 1730 Steiger Lake Lane/Victoria ] These concerts were organized by the City of Victoria's Parks and Recreation Department. Their lineup features fun for all ages. You are invited to come and join in; bring a lawn chair or a blanket and find a spot on the hill overlooking the stage and be prepared to be entertained. Puppets in the park event is Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Their last summer event is called the "Stimulus Package" scheduled for Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Reminder: same night a Classic Car Night. The [Stimulus Package](#) is a Minnesota-based musical pack of four, Lisa, Mikey, Thune and PJ. Versatile and comprehensive, their song list appeals to party goers from five to 105, and those who care to remain ageless. Literally no genre is off limits with musical mashups and an invigorating spin on the hits, from classic rock to rockin' country and everything in between.

## Carver County Parks Program

According to the 2023 Program Guide, [ [www.carvercountyparks.com](http://www.carvercountyparks.com) ] list August events occurring:

Summer Day Camps include Watertown Adventure Camp at the Learning Center on August 5<sup>th</sup> through August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 2 PM for youngsters ages eight through twelve. Wasserman Adventure Camp at the Wasserman Preserve in Victoria is 9 AM to 2 PM for eight to twelve year olds on August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. Chaska Adventure Camp at Veterans Park in Chaska is for eight to twelve year olds at 9 AM to 3:30 PM on August 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Then there is Girls Archery Camp also at the Veterans Park in Chaska for eight to fourteen year olds on August 1st through the 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 AM until 11:30 AM. Biking Day over at the Veterans Park at 9 AM until 2 PM on August 30<sup>th</sup>. On August 29<sup>th</sup> at Lake Ann in Chanhassen for eight to thirteen year old at 9 AM until 3 PM is the Outdoor Extravaganza.

Then there is the Youth Specialty Programs which involves Disc Golf at the Chaska Disc Golf Course on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM to 11:30 AM for seven to thirteen year olds. Watertown/Mayor Community Learning Center is offering Archery and Atlatl on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM to 8:45 PM for eight to fourteen year olds.

The Adult Specialty Programs are also available for fun filled events which include The Coney Island Kayak happening at Lake Waconia Regional Park, or the Paddle Club had an August slot and then there is the Kayak Club. All this information and details can be found in the Carver County Park Guide. [www.carvercountymn.gov](http://www.carvercountymn.gov), go to caption events and activities, tap on it, program guide pops up, click on it and it will show you the event details.

Moving on, there is also Family Programs for August, as well. Dad and Daughter Night Out at Lake Minnewashta Regional Park on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM. Age appropriate is seven through thirteen years old. Or you could participate in the 'Drop-in Archery' at Baylor Regional Park on Saturdays at 10 AM until Noon for ages eight and older. This event is held through Labor Day weekend.

**"The true secret of happiness in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life."**

~ William Morris



## Music in the Gardens at the Arboretum

Live music in the Gardens at the arboretum continue through August with the return of "Music in the Gardens." The event has been held for more than twenty years. Artists will entertain guests on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons at either the Ordway Picnic Shelter or Trex Deck overlooking Green Heron Pond. Performances are scheduled at 6 PM – 7:30 PM on Thursdays and 1:30 PM to 3 PM on Sundays. Be sure to reserve your ticket ( s ).

August's playlist include:

Thursday's at 6 PM until 7:30 PM begin with the Bend in the River Big Band on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Big Band Swing,; City of the Lakes Chorus will perform on August 10<sup>th</sup> with genre of American music, contemporary pop, and Broadway show tunes with the Sweet Adeline Chorus; August 17<sup>th</sup> presents swing tunes from the 20's to the 40's with the Fourth String; The Groove Boat a recreational drum circle with African and Latin American rhythms on August 24<sup>th</sup>; and then to wrap up their summer series on August 31<sup>st</sup> is the Dixieland music by the Prairie Ramblers.

While on Sundays beginning at 1:30 PM and playing until 3 PM will be Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> to enjoy jazz music on flutes by the Silverwinds Flutes; a mixture of genres presented by the Celebration Brass will be on August 13<sup>th</sup>; be entertained by the Abiders with Americana music on August 20<sup>th</sup>; with a Sunday finale on August 27<sup>th</sup> by Mike's Brass performing lyrical classical and rip-roaring Dixieland music.

## Landscape Arboretum

Did you know that the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum has an Osprey Cam? It was up and running as of April this year. Be sure to check it out: [www.arb.umn.edu/osprey-cam](http://www.arb.umn.edu/osprey-cam)



Always something to see, do, learn and participate in at the arboretum. There is yoga, music, classes, story time, and so much more. Some highlighted events are the Taste and Toast Event and Family Fun at the Farm. Be sure to go to their website for all the details.

Some of the events you don't want to miss at the arboretum in August are comprised of Member Appreciation going on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> will be All About Dogs, along with Family Fun at the Farm; and then on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday weekend is the event Art in the Garden. Wrapping up summer at the Landscape Arboretum will be held on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> with Meet and Greet Artist Mandy Chowen.

Some other events throughout the month include walks, watch the honey harvest, Green Been Family Garden Time, wine tasting, of course, yoga and various types of classes, Art in the Garden and even a Storytime event. For more detailed information in what you might find interesting and you have a computer, because realistically not everyone does and it annoys some people when they hear .com, website, etc. Anyway, got off track there. Visit their website, if you can, [www.arb.mn.edu](http://www.arb.mn.edu). Scroll over to events, tap and you can go to events or the calendar for more information. Can't do all the work for you, now can we?

Family fun at the Farm highlighted is on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> with the fun beginning at 10 AM all day until 4 PM.

Here, you can learn about what's growing on Minnesota farms, food gardens, crop plots and orchards featured this month. It a hands-on-learning experience too. You can meet growers and producers, learn about their work, cooking demonstrations and tasting samples, interactive exhibits, games, and activities. Take a tour of the Farm at the Arb.

Monthly seasonal celebrations too. Oh yea, the special feature on this day is Tomato Day. Be sure to visit Jenny's Tool Shed. What do you think one would find in there? You will have to go and see for yourself. See the red barn built in 1920. Did you know that there is a "Farm at the Arb Apprenticeship?"

## Annual Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka

It's that time of the year, the SouthWest Metro Chamber is sponsoring/hosting the Annual Boat Cruise on Lake Minnetonka on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM until 5:30 PM with Paradise Charter Cruises. Tickets are available from the chamber. Rain or Shine Event, no refunds. They also announced that this year they are on a bigger boat, named the "Paradise Destiny II." Reminder space is limited, too late already? Maybe.

Paradise Charter Cruises  
LAKE MINNETONKA • MISSISSIPPI RIVER

## Schram Haus Brewery

Come and join the staff at the Schram's Haus Brewery on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> for their "Rock the Haus". They are planning a full day of live music with three bands ready to bring good times and great music for your entertainment. They are Twin Cities' favorites too, Pandora's Other Box - Unplugged who will opening for Schram's and then welcome, Angel Val and Bigly! Food trucks will be on site, as always, great beers with n/a ( non-alcoholic?) options. They will be rocking all day long. Pandora's Box- Unplugged will be on stage at 1 PM until 3 PM. Then Angel will play until 5 PM with follow up and closing out the fantastic day will be Bigly until 9 PM. Mark the date, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets. Be sure to check their website for all their other news, music events, etc: [www.schramhausbrewery.com](http://www.schramhausbrewery.com)



## Concerts in August

### Corcoran Country Daze

Stumbled across this announcement on Carver Life/Facebook. Never knew this either. Did you? Corcoran is holding it's 20<sup>th</sup> Corcoran Country Daze at the Corcoran Lions Park. It is said to be an " experience with exceptional artistry, undeniable talent and genuine passion for music as well as breathtaking performances" on stage. The Corcoran Community Fund is the producer of the festival while the Northwest Area Jaycees were the originators of the festival. The festival will be happening on August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>. Some of the artists scheduled to make an appearance include Jamey Johnson, Chris Lane and Josh Abbott Band and more. There is also a free family day, car and tractor show, and a country market. You can bet you will find food and beverages too. For more information or to get tickets, go to their website: [corcorancountrydaze.org](http://corcorancountrydaze.org)



## 40<sup>th</sup> WeFest

Speaking of summer annual music in Minnesota. Almost forgot about Detroit Lakes WeFest which is occurring at the Soo Pass Ranch in Detroit Lakes on August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup>. Website: [www.wefest.com](http://www.wefest.com) where you can get more information, tickets and details. You can sign up for updates too. They are also looking for past photos. It appears that they are going to or did a 40 year WeFest Family Photo Album. The event began in 1983. Bet you didn't know that unless you are an annual participant. It is considered the world's largest country music and camping festival. For anyone interested, some of the headliners this year are Brad Paisley, Kane Brown, Brothers Osborne, Gabby Burdett, Ashland Craft and there is more.



## Night to Unite!

The Night to Unite is scheduled to occur Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ooops missed the city's deadline for registration. But anyone who is anyone already knew that.

The City of Carver invited residents to celebrate the Night to Unite hosting neighborhood block parties Invite the Fire Department and Sheriff's personnel.

This night is a terrific way for neighbors to get to know one another and meet with government officials. One never knows when you register if you might also get the opportunity to meet the mayor or even a council member. Right? Share a secret, the neighborhood where this author lives has been holding the event and I always managed to be out of town at my folks in the past. I just might get to meet my neighbors this year. Car issues are snagging my plans to be with mom. So everyone have fun, be good and get out and meet your friendly neighbors or crabby ones. I'm one of those crabby souls.



## Chaska Valley Family Theatre

Heads up! The Chaska Valley Family Theatre is going to hold auditions in September if you are interested in acting, trying out acting or just getting involved with the prestigious local actors guild in Chaska local. Their upcoming performance in December 2023 of "A Christmas Carol" is in the works. More details to follow in the next issue.

Some other future performances include Fiddler on the Roof and the Addams Family planned for the 2024 season. How exciting. Stay tuned for more information or follow them on Facebook and their website.





## *Dahlgren Township Sixth Annual Picnic*

It's that time of the year again, that's right, the Dahlgren Township Sixth Annual Picnic at the Augusta Ball Park on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM until 3 PM. Lunch scheduled to be served at noon. Once again, there will be the Dessert Judging Contest at 1 PM and PRIZES!

Official invitation as follows:

"Sunday August 20, 2023

11:30 – 3:00

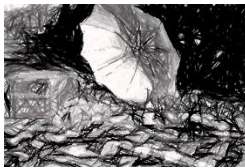
Augusta Ball Park

All are invited to the annual Dahlgren Township Picnic! Meet your neighbors and share a meal, play games and don't forget to bring your favorite for the Dessert Judging Contest!

This will be POTLUCK so everyone should bring their meat to grill, a side to pass, beverage and any dessert you want to enter into the Judging Contest!

The township will be providing paper plates, napkins, silverware, ketchup and mustard.

Augusta Park has of course, the ballpark and volleyball. Feel free to bring any yard games too."



## *Touch a Truck Vehicle Fair*

The Chaska Community Center over on Park Ridge Drive in Chaska is pleased to announce that their largest 'Carnival' of the year is planned and will be happening on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM until 7:30 PM to participate in their "Touch Truck Vehicle Fair." It's Free to attend. Contact Alyssa Trumbower at the Chaska Parks and Recreation if you need more information. You are invited to come and join in and enjoy games, prizes, bouncy house, complimentary popcorn and ice cream. Did they mention that there will also be a Kids Dance DJ performance? There is. Come and climb aboard the Chaska Public Works, Public Safety, and Park and Recreation vehicles. You can also get your picture taken. The west side of the parking lot will be closed all day to accommodate the event. See you there?



## *Arts Consortium*

[www.artsofcarvercounty.org](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org)

The Arts Consortium of Carver County (ACCC) are presently holding their Second Annual Awards Exhibit until August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Chaska Community Center.



All you photographers out there. Be sure to watch for the "Call for the Art" for capturing the moment or maybe 'your moment?' "Capturing the Moment" Exhibit is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>. This exhibit will showcase the patience and spontaneity necessary when capturing that moment in time. Expect to see sentimental, creative, playful, and majestic photography at this exhibit. Oh, and so much more. Check their website for more information on this exhibit and how to submit your works of art.

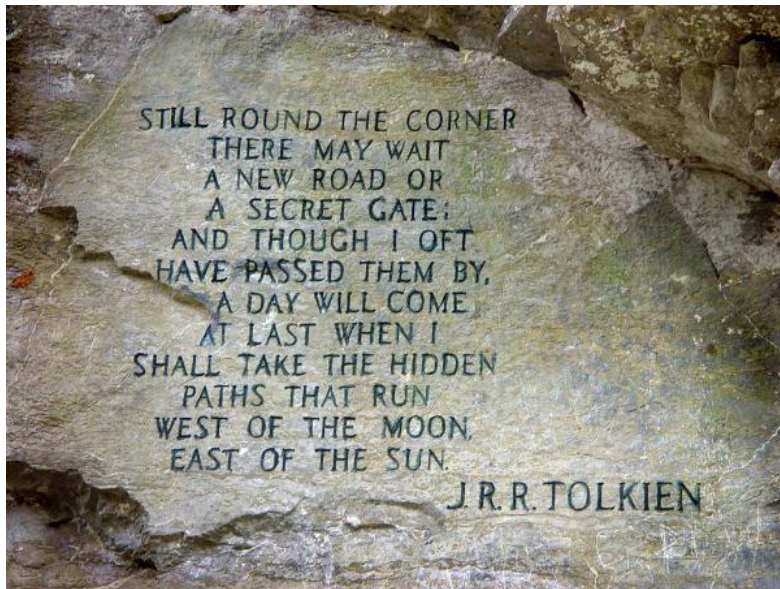
Contact the ACCC for the August dates and times, as well as location for the "Artist Conversations." Don't forget to sign up for "Teach a Class" or volunteering.

"New Song Collective" category – Happening Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM until 8:30 PM at Parley Lake Winery located at 8280 Parley Lake Road/Waconia. Need more information? Contact Steve Kelzer at [info@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:info@artsofcarvercounty.org). An invitation to songwriters and musicians to perform. Welcoming Katy Tessman with Sweet Lou and the International Treasures.

And finally, "Art in the Park" event happening on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM until 6 PM at the Fireman's Park in Chaska. Free to all to attend and come enjoy, see, relax, absorb the art exhibits. Also be sure and come to celebrate the release of the Songwriters and Musicians of Carver County CD. There will be a live concert featuring music from the CD, local art vendors and so much more. Food will be available for purchase along with refreshments. Also planned are crafts and games for the little people.

**"Youth Fades, Love droops; the leaves of friendship fall;  
A Mother's secret hope outlives the all."**

**~ Oliver Wendall Holmes**



## *West Union Lutheran Church*

The West Union congregation invites you to come and participate in a casual free willing offering dinner while being entertained by some great music! It will be happening outdoors on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and is a free community event! Dinner to be served starting at 5 PM and serving until 7 PM. Concert scheduled for 5:30 PM to 7 PM. Will be serving burgers and hot dogs! Hope to see you there!



**At my age, I am  
good at multitasking.**



**I can listen, ignore  
and forget all at once.**

@snoopy\_lovers1



## August 2023 Highlights

Right out of the gate, let's start with the first event happening in August of 2023, shall we? Oops that's not quite accurate. Some other August events and Night Out is an August kick-off but already written about previously. So let's back up, revise and reword, huh?

Below is some more events happening in August that were not previously highlighted. It would make more sense to group them all together, now wouldn't it, but what fun is that? Below are more August events not previously brought to your attention.

Over there across the river, on the other side by Jordan is the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Time Festival, the threshers show. Fifty-nine years, wow huh?! So what will you find over there across the fairgrounds? See below.



### 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Time Harvest Festival

Returning again over in Jordan off of Fairview Lane, just north of Highway # 169 or west of the Jordan Road out of Carver is the Scott-Carver Thresher's grounds. The grounds are also across the road from the Scott County Fairgrounds. This is where you can have fun, see and learn about what life was like back in the old days when they harvested back in the day. It was a lot of work. Still is keeping up some of the old equipment, working the land and upkeep on the buildings, not to mention preparing for their annual show. You can come and see all their efforts in progress on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>. Wonder if they still serve breakfast early in the morning?

You will find buildings full of interesting old stuff with curators to answer questions, tell stories, demonstrate and most of all have a good time while exploring and learning. There is a daily parade of old vintage tractors too. There is a log cabin, saw mill, print shop, blacksmith shop and don't forget the old East Union store can be revisited on the show grounds. There's an old schoolhouse, book store, antiques, vendors, food and refreshments and people you know too. It's quite an experience. One you should see at least once in your life, maybe more.

### Flags of Honor

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Flags and Honor of MN, Car, Bike, Truck and Tractor Show and Silent Auction are slated to happen at the Chaska Lions Park on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens at 9 AM, show starts at 10 AM and runs through 2 PM. Their mission: "Flags and Honor of MN was formed to be a relief organization for MN Veterans that served our country and also to those that depended on them. We are a volunteer community organization that endeavors to educate our fellow citizens in PRIDE: Patriotism, Respect, Inspiration, Dedication and Excellence."



### Carver County Fair

The Carver County Agricultural Society is proud to present their 111<sup>th</sup> Carver County Fair in Waconia for 2023. The fair dates are August 9<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday through Sunday Grandstand events include UTV Races, Motokazie, Tractor Pull, Tractors, Semis and Pick-Ups Pull, and Demo Derby. Live Music can be expected at different stages. There is a full list of bands on the website. [www.carvercountyfair.com](http://www.carvercountyfair.com) Did you hear? New this year? A Tuesday night Kick-off Concert, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the Grandstand. "Songs of Today, Stars of Tomorrow Tour" with Chad Brock, Ashley Barron and Jarrod Turner.

What would a fair be without food vendors, carnival food, Midway, Beer and Wine Gardens, Barns full of animals, demonstrations, local businesses, tents with vendors, or horse shows just to name a few. There is just so much to see and participate in. Gates open at 8 AM Wednesday through Sunday.

### Cologne Firehouse Drive-In

"The Firehouse Drive-in began in 2009 as a fundraising idea....to become one of the premier family-friendly events of the summer!...." For more information, [www.firehousedrivein.com](http://www.firehousedrivein.com)

The 2023 Firehouse Drive-in will be offering their usual pre-movie activities, full concession stand, VIP drawings for Classic Cars and movies on Friday and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> with the movies beginning at dusk approximately 8:45 PM. Gates open at 6 PM both nights. You can enjoy hamburgers, pork burgers, hot dogs, popcorn, candy, soda, malts, cotton candy and more. Remember it's a fundraiser to help the Fire Department. Recommended to bring portable radio, lawn chairs, and blankets. Kid's activities include bounce house, smoke house, fire truck rides, pony rides, and playground. Where? Off of Highway # 212 by the Community Center on the left of the highway. Can't miss the big screen. The movies scheduled to be shown are Friday, the 18<sup>th</sup> will be Minions: The Rise of Gru and Mamma Mia. On Saturday night, you can watch The Super Mario Bros Movie and Top Gun: Maverick. Remember, mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this nostalgic event, movies outdoors in front of the big screen! An experience long lost over time!



### Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi

The SMSC's pow wow attracts thousands of visitors each year to honor the history of the American Natives. You are invited to come and share in their annual Wacipi on the weekend of August 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>.

It is a Celebration of Life. Wacipi means, "They dance" in the Dakota language. Dancing has always been an important part of their ancestry ceremonial practices. "Native Americans gather for a cultural and social celebration of dancing, singing and visiting. This is a time when Native Americans gather to meet old friends, make new ones, and honor those who have come before them. A time to gather, share, reflect and thank the Creator."

If there are dance competitions of all ages along with drum groups. You can find this at 3212 Dakotah Parkway in Shakopee.

Fireworks are also planned for Saturday night.

### Minnesota Renaissance Festival

Welcome to 2023 world of the Minnesota 52<sup>nd</sup> Renaissance Festival. They are open for the sole purpose of entertaining you and taking you into a world of fantasy and creative imagination through their acting, improvisation and back into time. Their opening weekend is August 19<sup>th</sup>. They continue their fabrication for seven weekends through October 1<sup>st</sup> which also includes Labor Day and Festival Friday. Won't you come and join them in their "Huzzah's and cheers"?

What can you expect to see? There is an artisan marketplace of multiple structures selling their wares and demonstrating. There are contests, entertainment abound, fest food, refreshments, games, rides, shows of all varieties, traveling entertainers and so much fun. It's not for everyone though. Some are offended very easily. Don't forget the Feast of Fantasy event or the Phantom's Feast.



Oh yea, there is the daily parade of characters throughout the village too that is always cool. It is something you should really participate in at least once. This writer can't remember how many times I have gone and enjoyed it every time. I know it had to be more than ten times though, if not more.

Another item of interest that many already know, is the weekends all have themes. They are:

August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Once Upon A Time
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Highland Fling
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wine, Chocolate & Romance
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Woofstock
September 16 <sup>th</sup>	Experience Love for the Arts
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bold North Adventure
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Renaissance Festival Friday
September 30 <sup>th</sup>	Oktoberfest

Be sure to go to their website and explore everything they have to offer before you choose the weekend to go. [www.renaissancefest.com](http://www.renaissancefest.com)

## State Fair

The MN State Fair also known as the Great MN Get Together is scheduled to open their gates on August 24<sup>th</sup> and run through Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>. How does one describe the fair in a few simple words? There aren't. It is a festival celebrating accomplishments, get togethers, marking the end of still another summer and celebrating so much, too many to describe and then what if you forget something important. Perhaps it is why it is the Great get together huh? Did you know it started back in 1854 and was started before the state was officially a state? Neither did I? It wasn't always held in the twin cities either. It's current home was found in 1885. I bet you didn't know it covers three hundred and twenty-two acres either. Isn't the internet wonderful?

Here's some other fun facts I found, Teddy Roosevelt's famous speech was held at the Grandstand, the two oldest buildings were built over a hundred years ago. Did you know that that the main entrance is named after Minnesota's most dominant horse of all time? Here's a fun fact, the fair once held the single largest building for Agricultural Products in the world. The fair's origins trace back to the founding of the MN Agricultural Society in 1854 when MN was only a 'territory'. Statehood was granted in 1858. If you want to learn more about some of this information, go to [www.discoverthecities.com](http://www.discoverthecities.com).

So, this year when you go or hear about the State Fair, hopefully these little tidbits will remind you how important this event is for us residents in this fine state huh?



## Stiftungsfest

Closing out summer: Everyone is invited to come and celebrate with Norwood/Young America with their 162<sup>nd</sup> Stiftungsfest celebration on August 24<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Come and hear music from every genre, and the Dienesfeld Band from Germany. There will be music, food, beer and beverages, something for everyone.

The event is intended for "Linking Our Past with Our Present and Our Future," a celebration is said that you don't want to miss. More information on events, schedules, bands, etc, visit their website: [www.stiftungsfest.org](http://www.stiftungsfest.org).



## August Gossip - Not Gossip

2023 Steamboat Days info in case you are looking...email - can be found at [steamboating@yahoo.com](mailto:steamboating@yahoo.com) or on line at [www.carversteamboatdays.info](http://www.carversteamboatdays.info). The dates for this year are September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> and they have events listed on line at their website.

With so much happening all around us as of late, not much time to fabricate or even hear the gossip buzzing in the air. Although did hear something to the effect of Carver Square getting a new tenant. Have you heard? Healing Hands Veterinary Hospital? Ring any bells?

There's a whole lot of talk about the busy intersection of Broadway and Main. Music, coffee, cocktails and food trucks. Really a busy intersection is what I heard. Isn't that wonderful. Another busy intersection is Third and Broadway. And who said Carver was sleeping? Maybe later on huh?

Mizzy's Pizza opened at Carver Square. HomeTown Bank is busy with plans for Carver Commons off of Jonathan Carver Parkway and Monroe Drive. They will be housing Mocha Monkey too was the rumor. Looks like a lot of businesses will be seeing competition moving into their territory.

Also saw in the SW Publishing news article that Father Vanderloop was visiting Kenya recently. That's not gossip that's a fact. You can read the article on the Carver Current website.

Plans have begun for the Guardian Angels Fall Festival to happen on September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Who can tell us more about this?

Strains of the Earth is conducting another Medallion Hunt. Clues are posted on Facebook/Carver Life. As of writing, hadn't heard that the Medallion was found. Wait a minute, it was missing and then it was found!!!!

Saw something interesting about Steamboat Days but can't find it now. Everyone is busy with plans and preparations for that event. Be sure to visit their website for information.

Territory and the Night Marauders are hiding in the river bottoms with all the activities going on downtown, just so you know.



## East Union Lutheran Church

Back to School Community Give and Take Event, August 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Back-to-School Give and Take Event— On Saturday, August 19 from 9 a.m. until noon we're hosting a Back-to-School Give & Take Event -- gently used clothing and new school supplies will be available for folks in the community who need to start the school-year off well! If you'd like to donate gently used clothing or new school supplies please drop them off at the church office between now and August 19<sup>th</sup>.



I am no longer afraid  
of monsters, because  
I once loved one.  
They don't need  
closets to hide in.  
They will look you  
in the eye and tell  
you they love you.

Unbreakable and Uplifting





# Farmer's Markets

## Tuesdays

Carver 6/20 – 9/26  
1607 Hartwell Drive

3 PM – 6 PM

No Market on 7/4 or 9/19

Minnetonka 6/6 – 9/26  
Ridgedale Commons  
12990 Ridgedale Drive

3 PM – 7 PM



## Wednesdays

Chaska  
6/21 – 9/20  
Fireman's Park  
3210 Chaska Boulevard

6/21 – 8/9 5 PM – 8 PM  
8/16 – 9/20 4 PM – 7 PM

No Market on 7/5

Bongard's 6/7 – 9/27

St John's United Church  
12984 County Road 51  
Norwood/Young America

3 PM – 6 PM

Shakopee 6/21 – 6/28  
7/12 – 7/19 – 7/26  
8/02 – 08/09

Lewis Street Parking Lot

9 AM – 1 PM

Mayer June – August  
Mayer Lutheran High School  
306 7<sup>th</sup> Street Northeast

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays

4 PM – 7 PM

Delano – Wednesdays

## Thursdays

Victoria 6/22 – 9/28

Enki Brewing Parking Lot  
1495 Steiger Lake Lane

3 PM – 6 PM

Excelsior May – October

301 Couty Road # 19

2 PM – 6 PM

Glencoe – Thursdays



## Fridays



Watertown – Fridays

## Saturdays

Chanhassen 6/03 – 9/30  
City Center Park Plaza  
7700 Market Boulevard

9 AM – 1 PM

New Prague May – October  
Community Baptist Church  
500 CR 37

9 AM – 12 PM



Mound – Saturdays  
Hopkins – Saturdays  
Buffalo – Saturdays



Open until October / DAILY

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8880 State Highway 5

Monday through Saturday

10 AM – 4 PM

Sunday 11 AM – 4 PM

Scott Carver Threshers Presents

# 59TH ANNUAL OLD-TIME HARVEST

## FEATURING

### FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

Pancake Breakfast 7am-11am  
Porkchop Dinner Sat 5pm-7pm  
Food Trucks All Day



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## Live Entertainment Daily

August 4, 5 & 6 2023

**ADMISSION Adult \$10 for all weekend Children 12 & Under FREE**

### DEMONSTRATIONS FREE

Operating Shingle and Lath Mill	Rug Loom
Saw Mill	Stationary Steam Engines
Plowing	Quilting & Spinning
Threshing	Frontier Family Life & Butter Churning
Gas Engines	Print Shop
Potato Digging	

### SITE ATTRACTIONS FREE

Tractors	Memorial Garden
Steam Engines	Blacksmith Shop
Gas Engine Shed	1850 Log House
Vintage Cars and Trucks	Vilter Engine
Model T Shop	Women's Building
Book Store	Country Store
Operating Print Shop	One Room School House
Barn with Animals	
East Union Store	
Treasure Hunt	

### DAILY EVENTS

Craft and Flea Market opens at 8 AM  
Parade Daily at 1 PM

### SPECIAL EVENTS FREE

Spark Show Friday & Saturday at Dusk  
Kiddie Parade 1 pm Saturday  
Info To Be Found On Our Website

### PEDAL TRACTOR PULL (SANCTIONED) FREE

Trophies ages 4-11  
Tractors Provided Sunday 2pm

### ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL

Sunday 2:30 after the parade  
See website for rules and classes

Check us out on  
**facebook**

### MACHINERY

### DEMONSTRATIONS FREE

Operating Lath and  
Shingle Mill  
Plowing with Tractors  
Threshers, Log Sawing,  
Gas Engine Demos

### BAND SCHEDULE

#### Friday

Larry Novotny 10 to 1  
Dakota Ramblers 2 to 6

#### Saturday

Swining Country 10 to 1  
Charlie Sticka 2 to 6  
Dakota Ramblers  
6:30 to 10

#### Sunday

Church starts at 9  
Chuck Thiel 9 to 1  
Czech Area Concertina  
Band 2 to 4



Golf Cart  
Rentals Contact  
Sue Quatmann  
952-292-0515

Primitive Camping  
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General Questions Daniel Wyman 952-687-7734.  
Vendor Information Sue Quatmann 952-292-0515

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BEVERAGES  
FOR PURCHASE

SPECTATORS  
ARE  
FREE

SILENT  
AUCTION



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OR CASH  
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THE BOUNTIFUL  
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REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9 A.M TO NOON

SHOW STARTS AT 10 A.M TO 2:00PM

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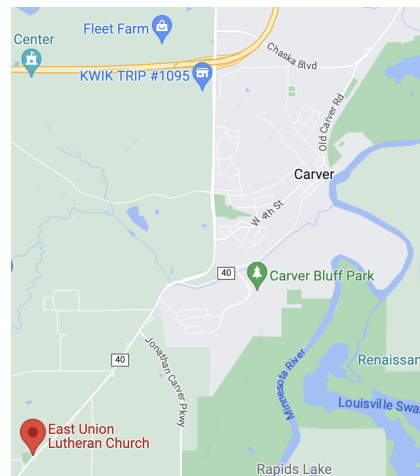
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# TOOLS FOR LEARNING

First Annual!

## Back-to-School Community Give and Take Event

East Union Lutheran Church Parish Hall  
15180 County Road 40, Carver, MN  
August 18-19, 2023



**GIVE** items on Friday, August 18, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Saturday, August 19, 7:30 am - 12:00 pm.

**TAKE** what you need on Saturday, August 19, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. *No cost!*

### NEW OR GENTLY USED KIDS CLOTHING: (Pre-K to Grade 6)



SHIRTS



PANTS



SOCKS



SHOES



JACKETS



HATS



AND MORE!

### NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

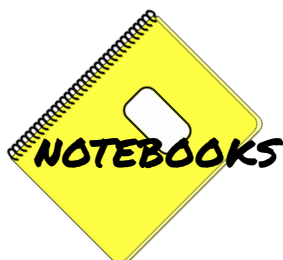
CRAYONS



PENCILS



BACKPACKS (gently used OK)



NOTEBOOKS



MARKERS

AND...

POST-ITS  
FOLDERS  
GLUESTICKS  
DRY ERASE MARKERS  
WATER COLORS

SCISSORS  
HEADPHONES  
PENCIL BOXES  
RULERS





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September 8-10, 2023

Weekend festivities await!



### Friday Night

- Lions Beer Tent Opens 4:00pm
- Food Vendors 5:00pm
- Medallion Hunt (check Lions FB for clues) 5:30pm
- Fire Department Water Fights 5:30pm
- Main Stage - Good For Gary 7:30pm - 11:00pm

### Saturday

- Food Vendors
- 35+ Wooden Bat Softball Tournament
- [ACT United 5K Run/Walk](#), Carver Station
- Car Show 9:00am (Sponsored by Carver Auto)
- MN Marketplace 10:00am
- Bean Bag Contest 11:30am
- Church By The River - Historic Bldg Tour 1:00pm-5:00pm
- Kids Cupcake Walk @ Gazebo Park 1:00pm-1:30pm
- [Zoomobile](#) @ the Gazebo 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Live Music under the Lion's Beer Tent
  - Bruce Bednarchuk 1:00pm - 3:00pm
  - [Matt McAllister](#) 3:00pm - 5:00pm
- Main Stage - [Ragtown](#) 5:00pm
- FIREWORKS 8:15pm
- Main Stage - [Johnny Holm Band](#) 8:30pm - Midnight

### Sunday

- Food Vendors
- Parade 1:00pm
  - Grand Marshal - TBD

### There's More!

- City-wide Garage Sales, Thursday - Saturday
- Kids Play Place, Friday & Saturday

[2023 Food Vendors](#)

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